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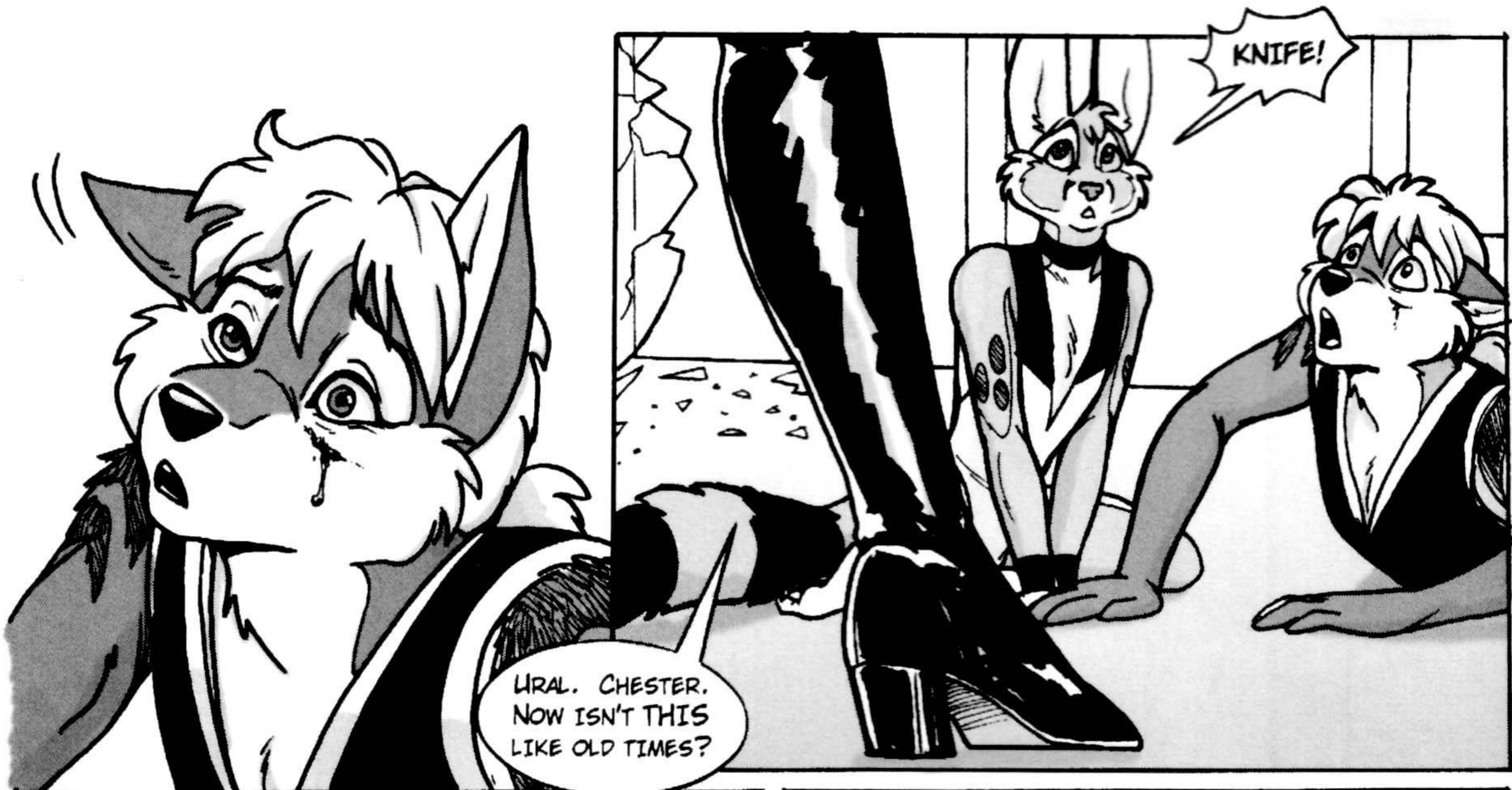
King's Ransom

part 2

OHhh! CHRIS?
YOU - YOU ALL RIGHT?

GOT TO
S-STOP...

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HE LOVES ME. WE'RE A TEAM.
I GOT TIRED OF YOUR 'TO
HELL WITH EVERYONE AND
EVERYTHING' ATTITUDE, KNIFE!

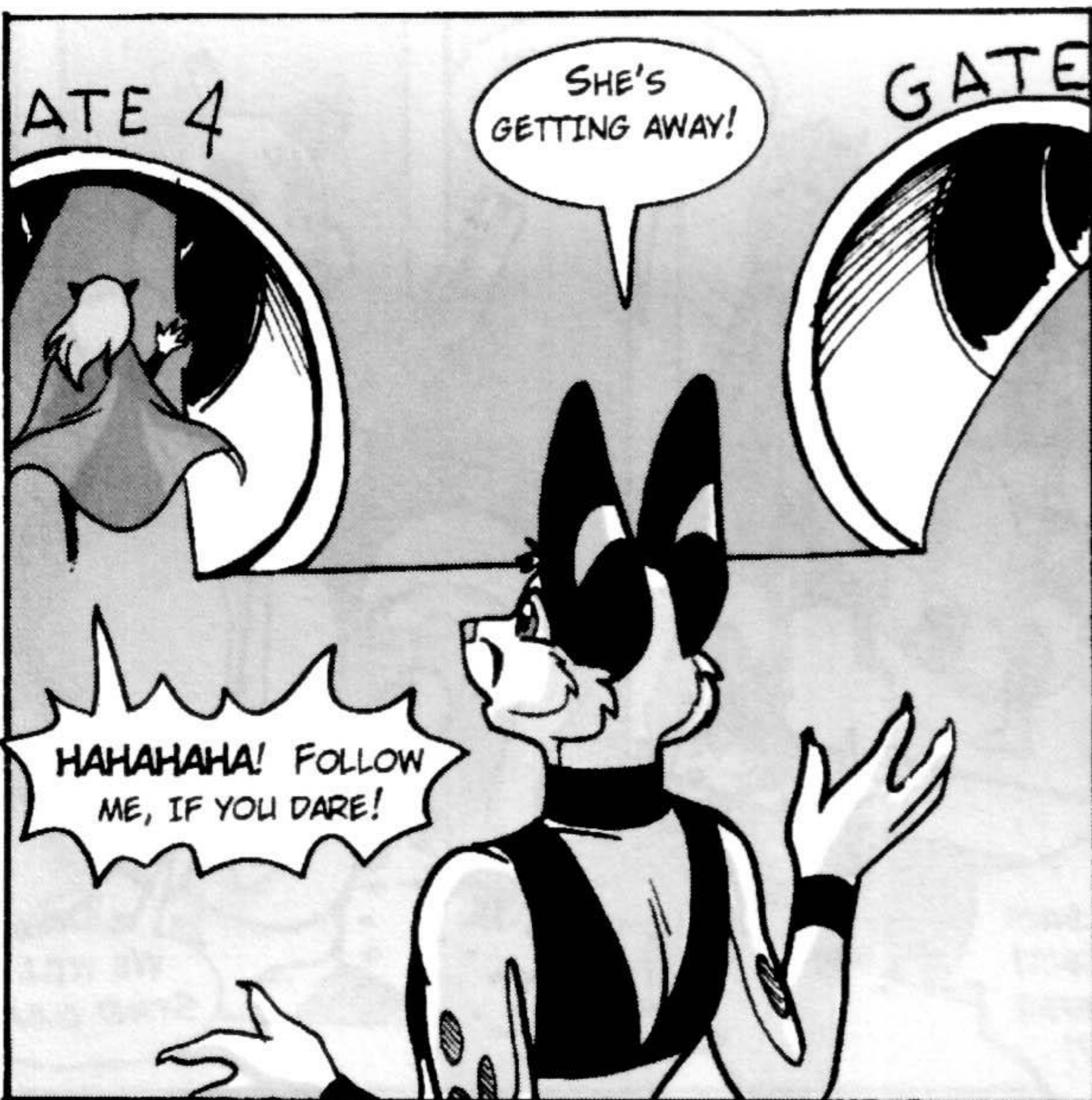


THEN TO HELL
WITH YOU, LOVER!



WHOOOM!

YOU TWO
ALL RIGHT?



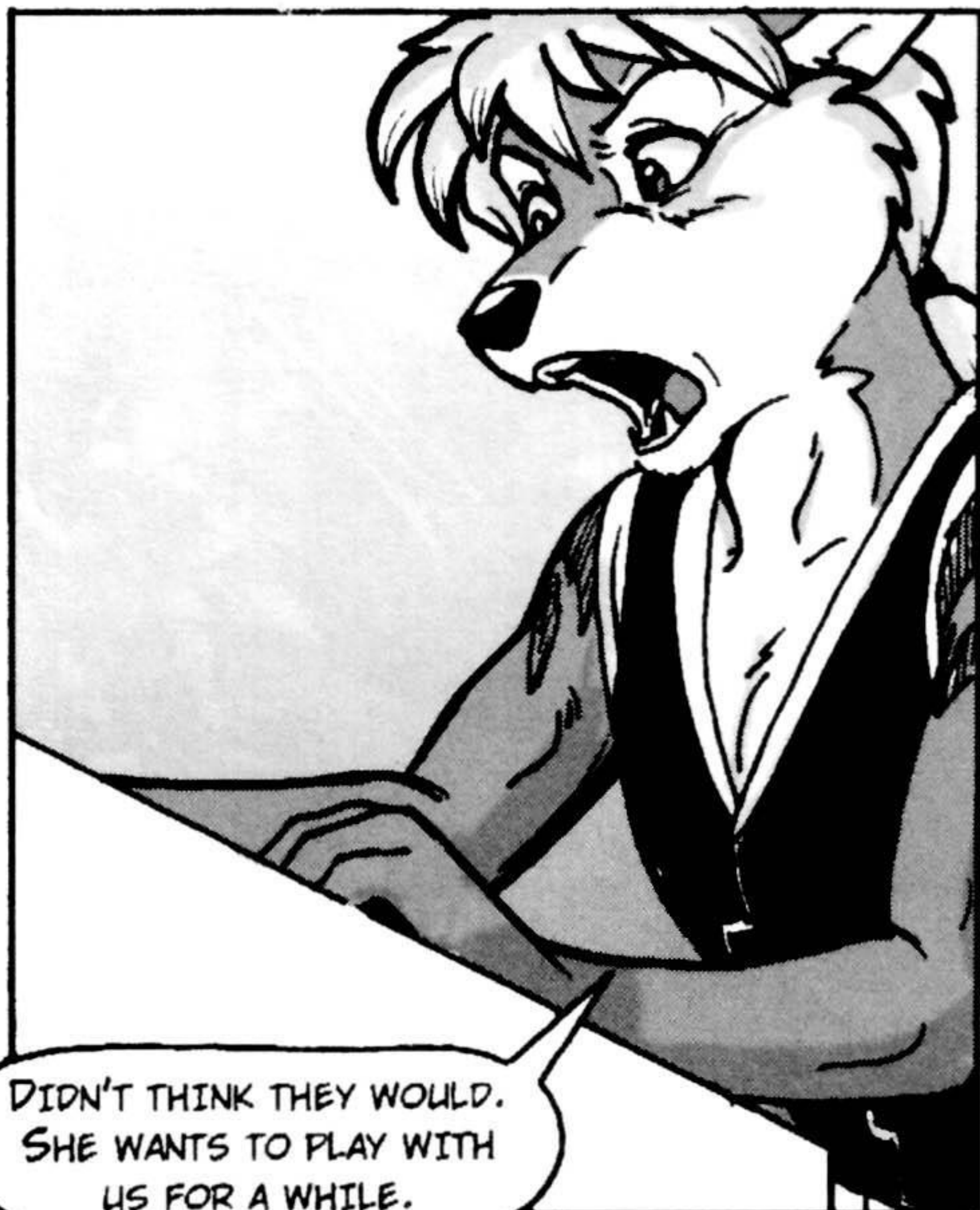
SHE'S
GETTING AWAY!

HAHAHAHA! FOLLOW
ME, IF YOU DARE!



WHO WAS
THAT?





DIDN'T THINK THEY WOULD.
SHE WANTS TO PLAY WITH
US FOR A WHILE.



DO ME A FAVOR AND DON'T TELL ME
WHERE YOU GET YOUR GIRLS. WHAT'S NEXT?

THEY HAVE SOMETHING WE
WANT. SHE'LL EXPECT US
TO COME FOR IT.



SO, WHAT DO YOU
MEAN TO DO?

GIVE HER WHAT SHE WANTS.
I'D HATE TO DISAPPOINT HER.

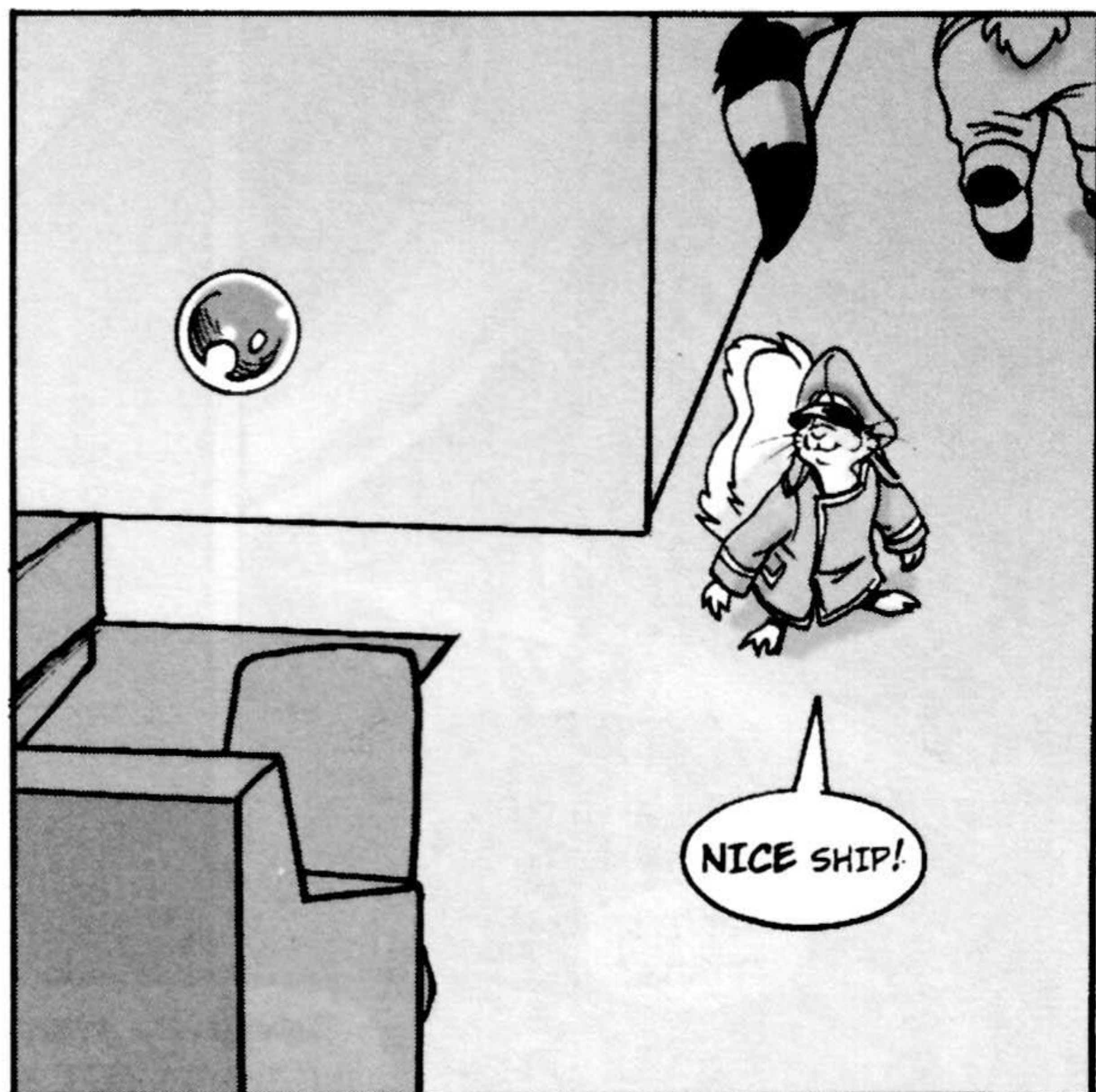


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JUST NOT IN THE
WAY SHE EXPECTS.



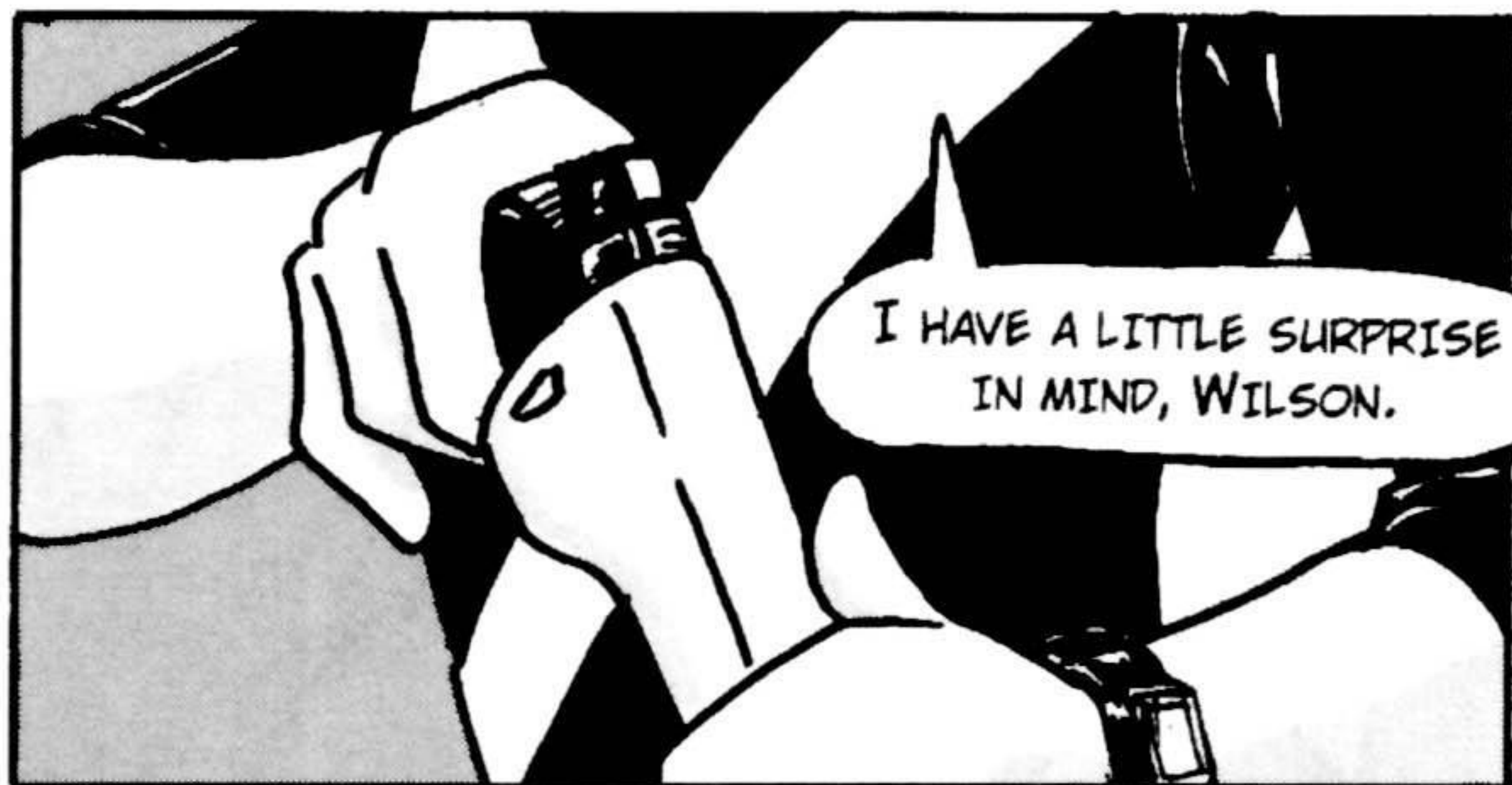
ORB, TAKE OVER. FOLKS,
LET'S ALL HAVE A LITTLE CHAT.



NICE SHIP!



THIS IS CRAZY! YOU'RE JUST GOING TO BARGE IN ON THEIR SHIP?!



I HAVE A LITTLE SURPRISE IN MIND, WILSON.



FOR IT TO WORK, I NEED THEM TO SEE US COMING ABOARD.



I ALSO NEED SOME INFORMATION FROM YOU...

YOU KNOW WHAT HE'S PLANNING?



NOT A CLUE, BUT I'M GOING TO FIND OUT!



NOW, YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO?

AND DON'T OPEN UP BEFORE WE RETURN!

STAY BY THE GUNS, AND WAIT FOR YOUR SIGNAL.



THEY'LL HAVE SHIELDS, BUT I THINK WE CAN HANDLE THAT ON OUR END.

LET'S MAKE A DIRECT APPROACH. NOT TOO FAST. I WANT TO BE ON THEIR SCREENS THE ENTIRE TIME.

WE'RE TAKING A CHANCE. IF SHE'S NOT AS CRAZY AS WE THINK...

I'LL APOLOGIZE. LET'S GO.

SETTING COURSE.

WHEN WE GET THERE, STAY CLOSE. WE NEED TO GET RIGHT NEXT TO THE PET FOR THIS TO WORK.

KNIFE. THEY'RE COMIN'.

I KNEW THEY WOULD. LURAL NEVER LEFT ANYTHING UNFINISHED.

RIGHT, MARI'?

KRAK



IMPRESSIVE SHIP. THINK REGULO MIGHT LIKE IT?

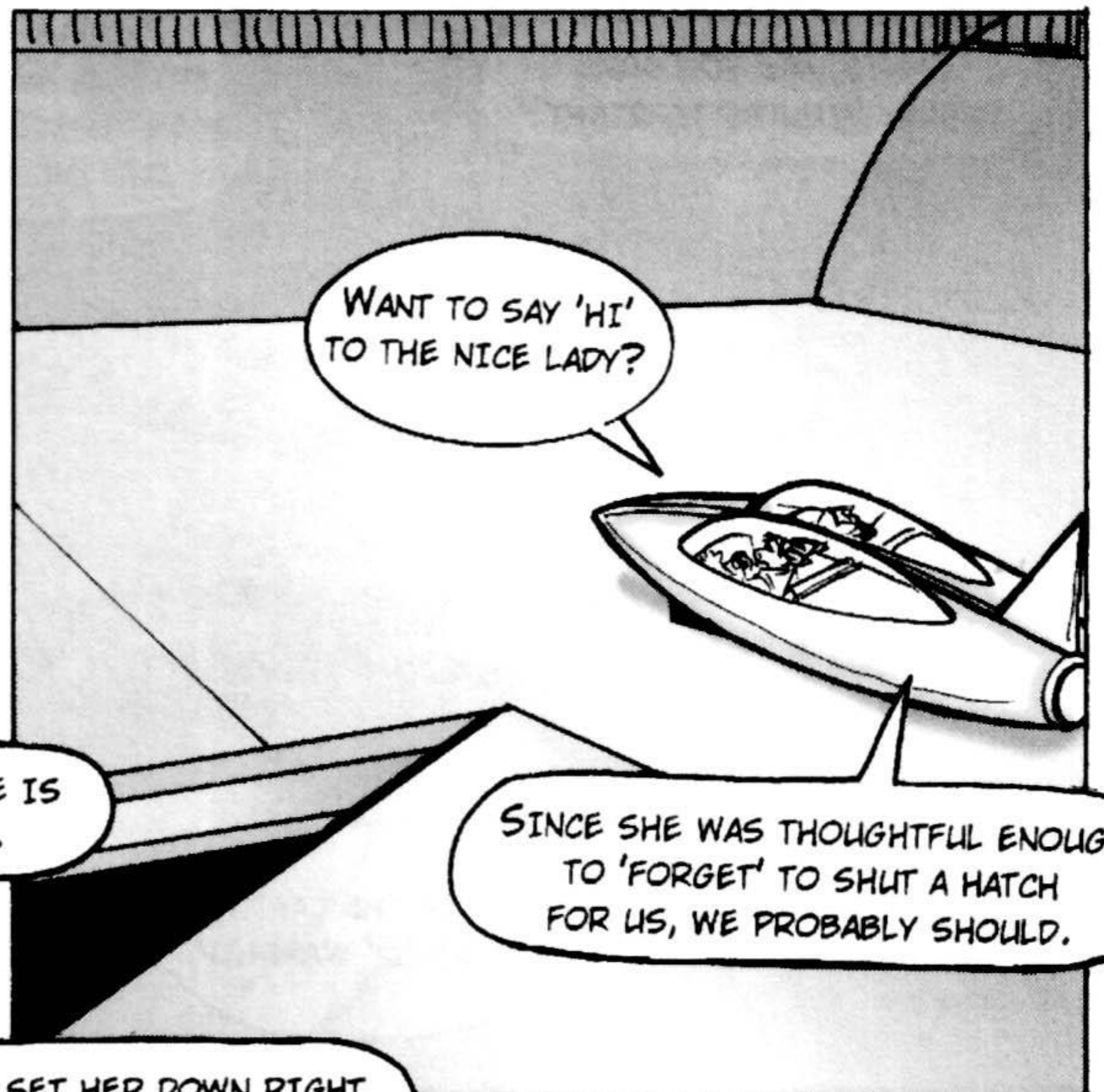


IF THINGS GO RIGHT, I DON'T THINK IT'LL BE MUCH USE TO HIM.

SURPRISE, SURPRISE. THERE'S A HATCH OPEN.



AND NOBODY HOME. WILL WONDERS NEVER CEASE?



WANT TO SAY 'HI' TO THE NICE LADY?

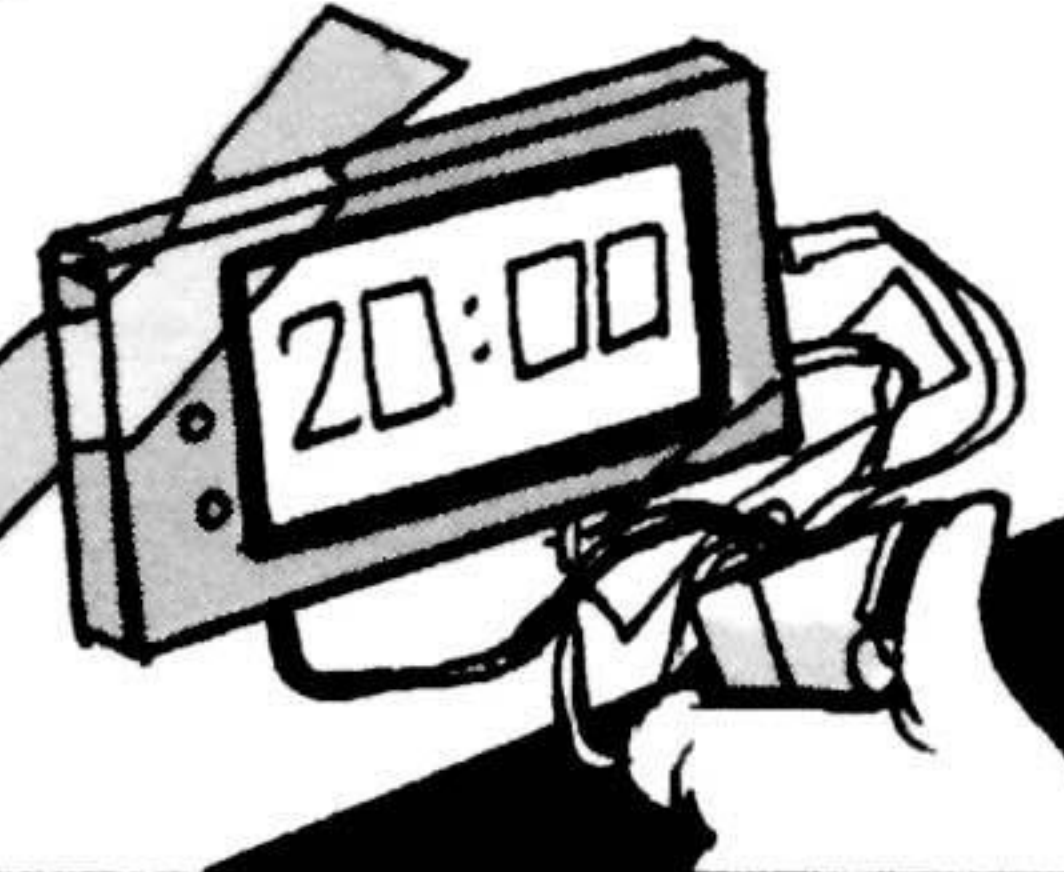
THE HATCH IS CLOSING AND AIR PRESSURE IS COMING UP. WE WON'T NEED HELMETS.

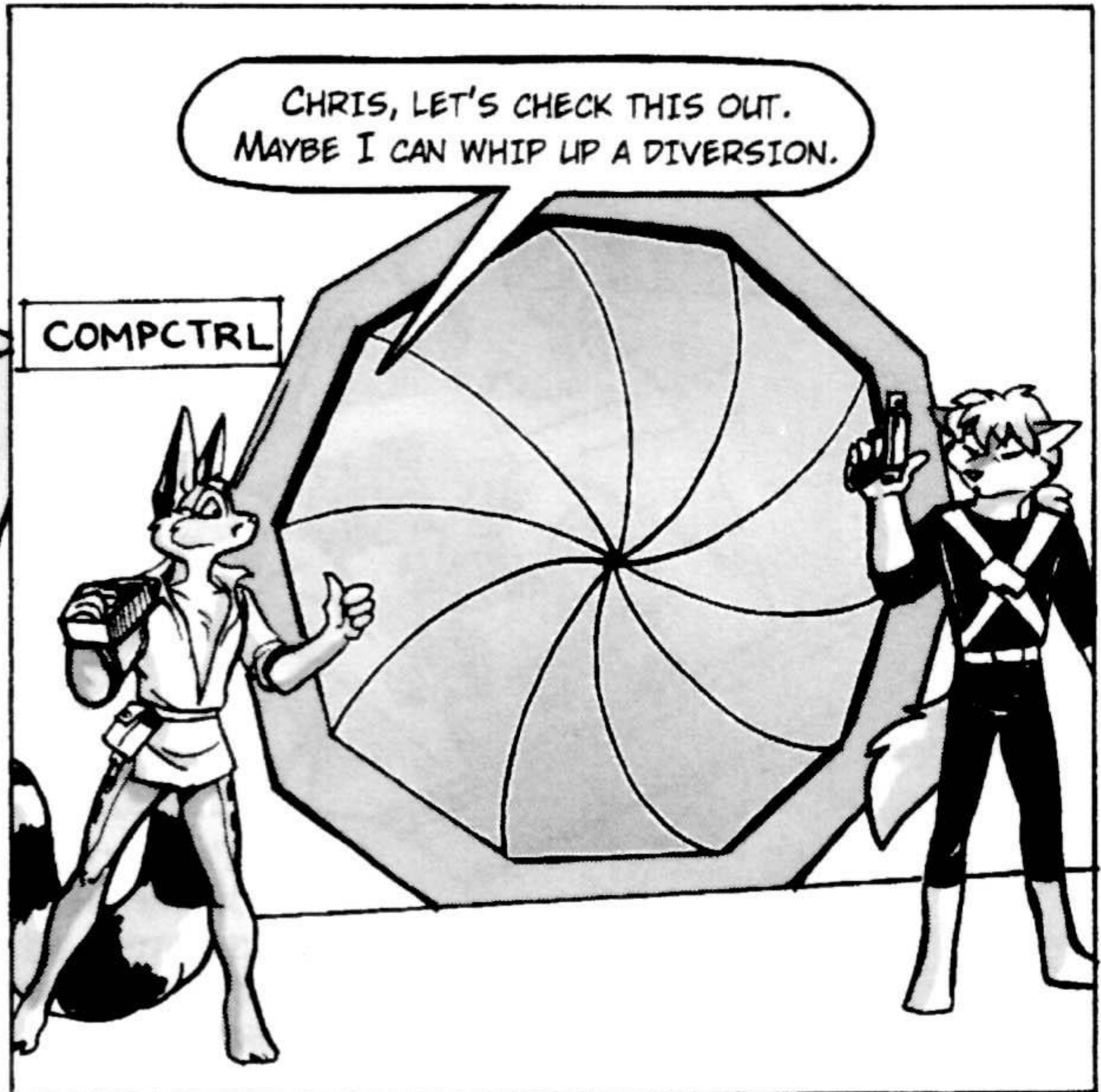
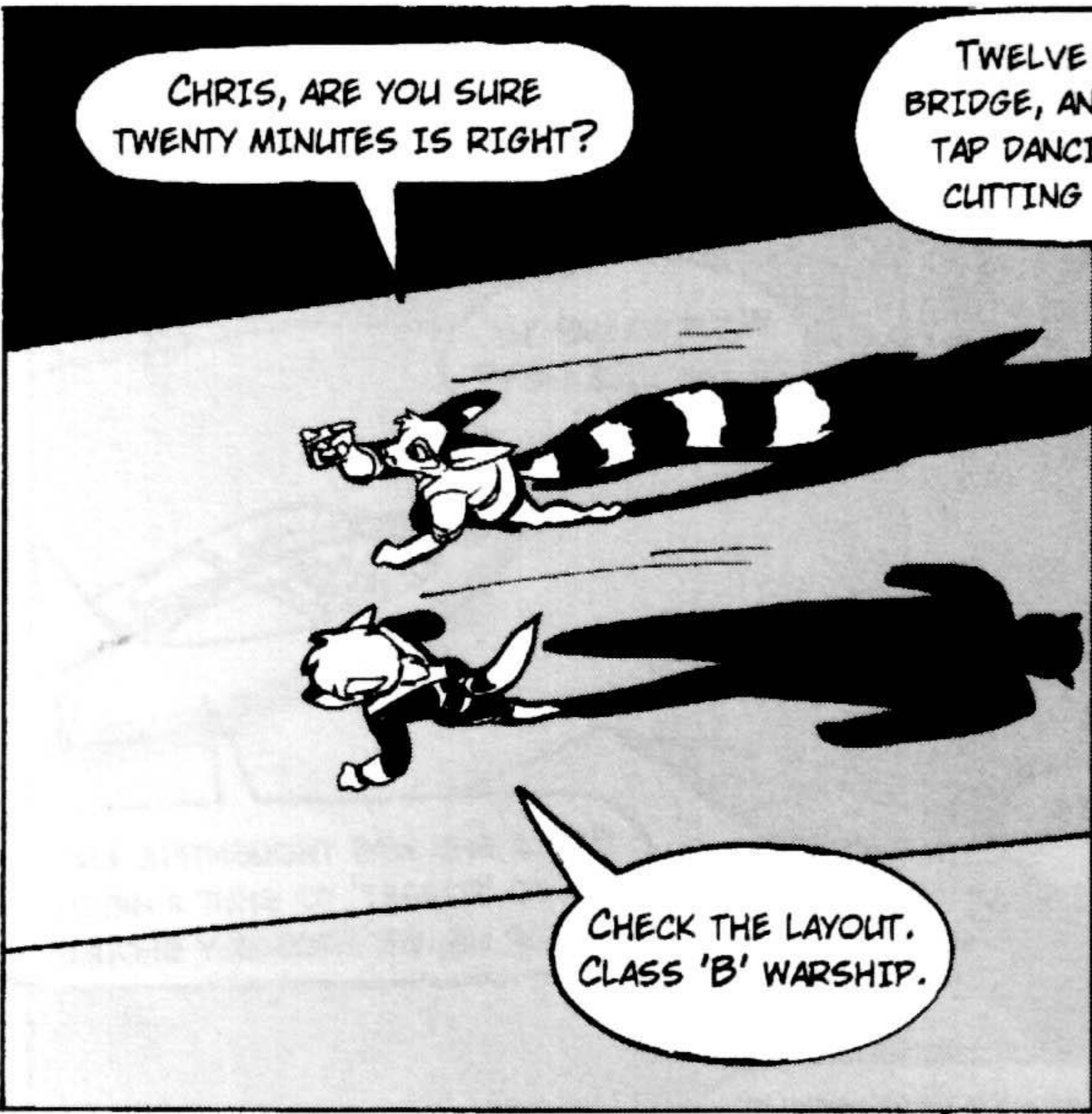
SINCE SHE WAS THOUGHTFUL ENOUGH TO 'FORGET' TO SHUT A HATCH FOR US, WE PROBABLY SHOULD.



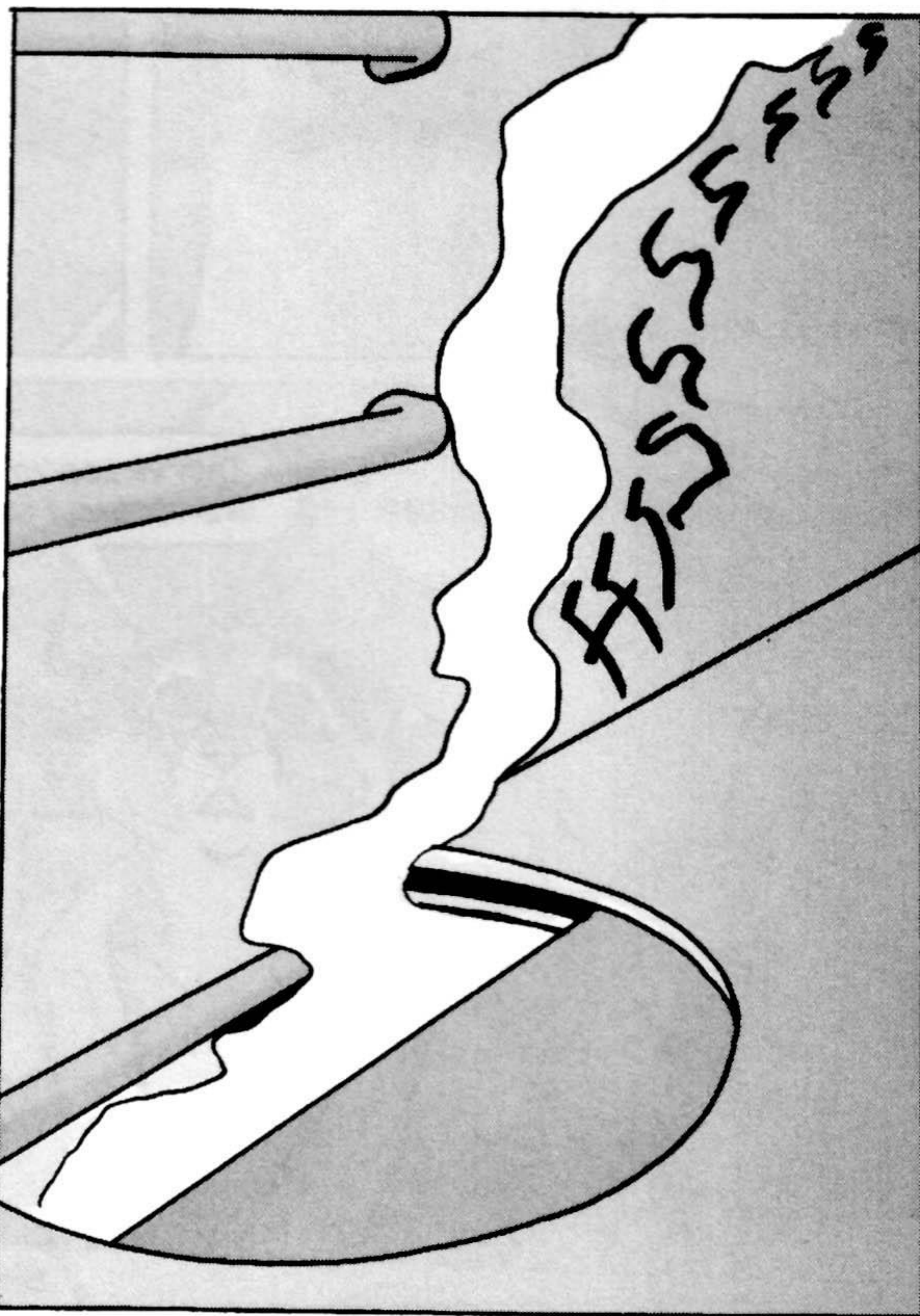
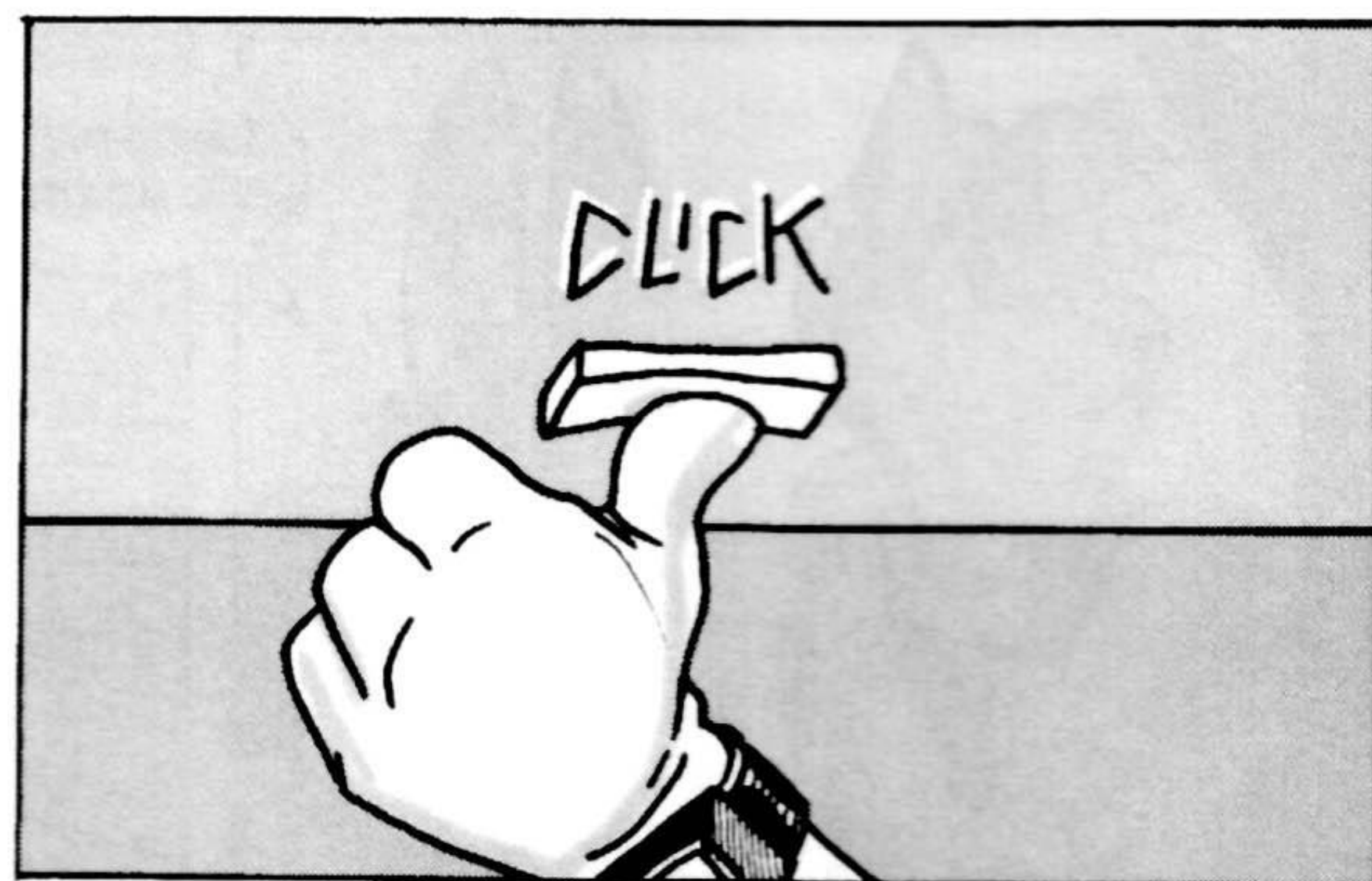
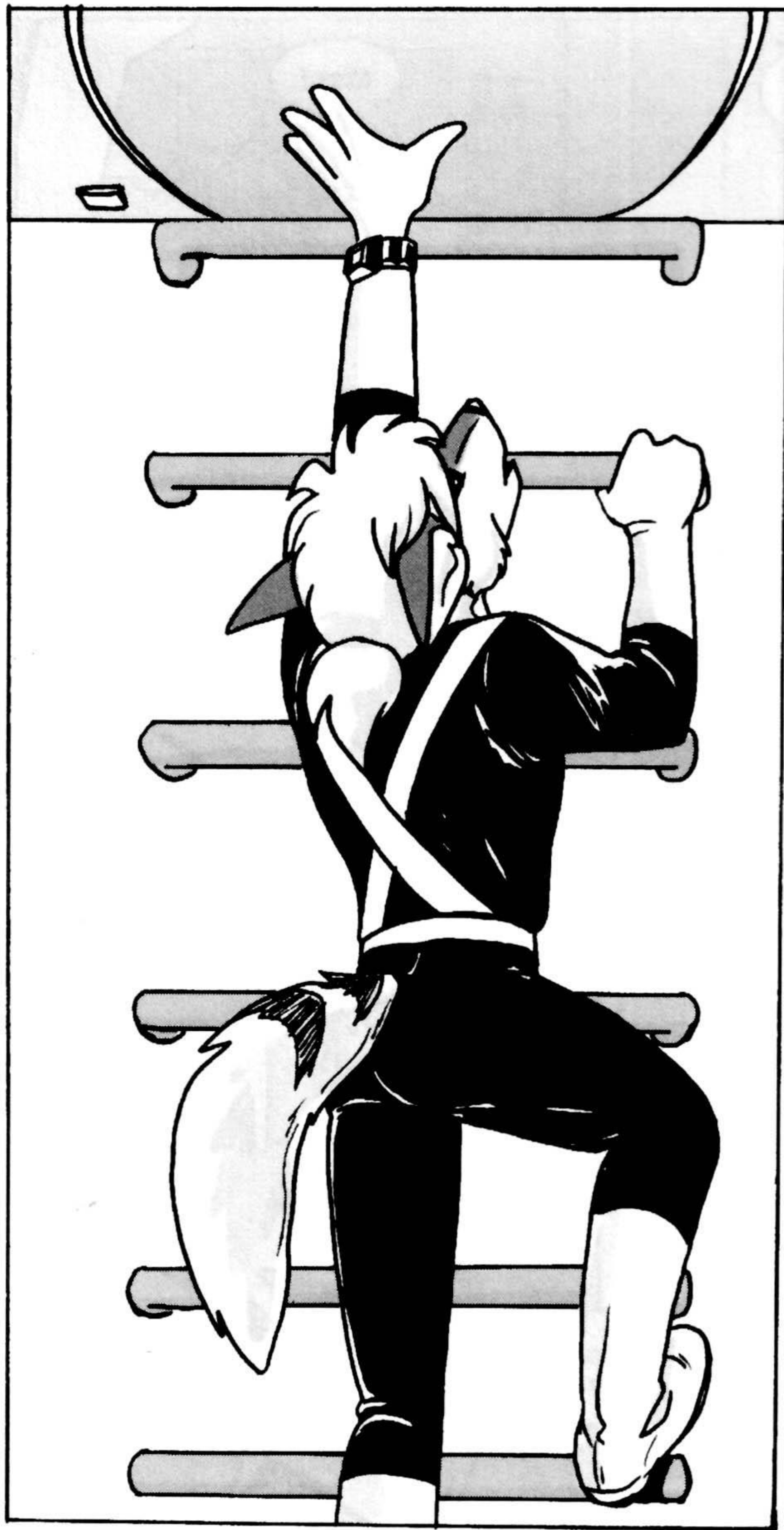
READY? I SET HER DOWN RIGHT OVER THE MAIN JUNCTION FOR THE BAY ELECTRIC GRID.

GOOD! I'M SETTING THE TIMER FOR TWENTY MINUTES. THE ENGINE WILL OVERLOAD ITS STARTER CIRCUITS. WITH LUCK, THE EXPLOSION WILL TAKE OUT THEIR BURIED CABLES AND CRIPPLE SOME OF THE SHIP'S SYSTEMS.











I COULDN'T FIND ANYONE TO ASK DIRECTIONS OF. SO, TELL ME...



... WHAT'S YOUR GAME?
IT CAN'T BE JUST TO KILL ME.



NO. YOU'RE ONLY THE ICING ON THE CAKE, LIRAL. CELESTACORP HIRED US TO 'ACQUIRE' YOUR PASSENGER. SEEMS THEY'RE EXPANDING THEIR MINING OPERATIONS ON S'HCELL AND NEED A LITTLE LEVERAGE. THE ROYAL FAMILY IS BEING... STUBBORN.

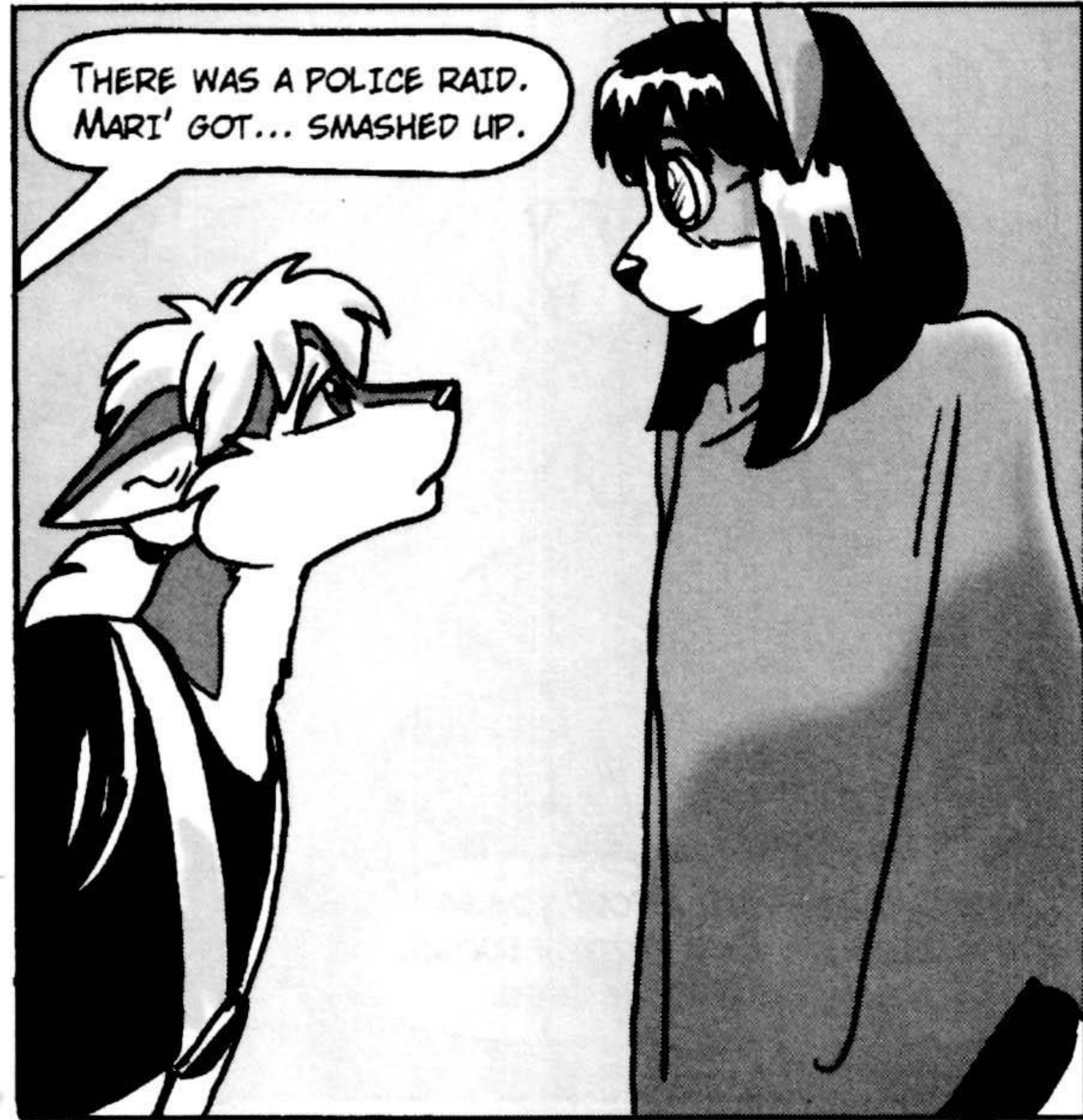
FOR THE RECORD, "YOU'RE" GOING TO BLACKMAIL THEM INTO COOPERATING. AFTER WE GET WHAT WE WANT, THERE'LL BE A TERRIBLE ACCIDENT IN SPACE. YOUR SHIP IMPLODES AND EVERYONE'S LOST.

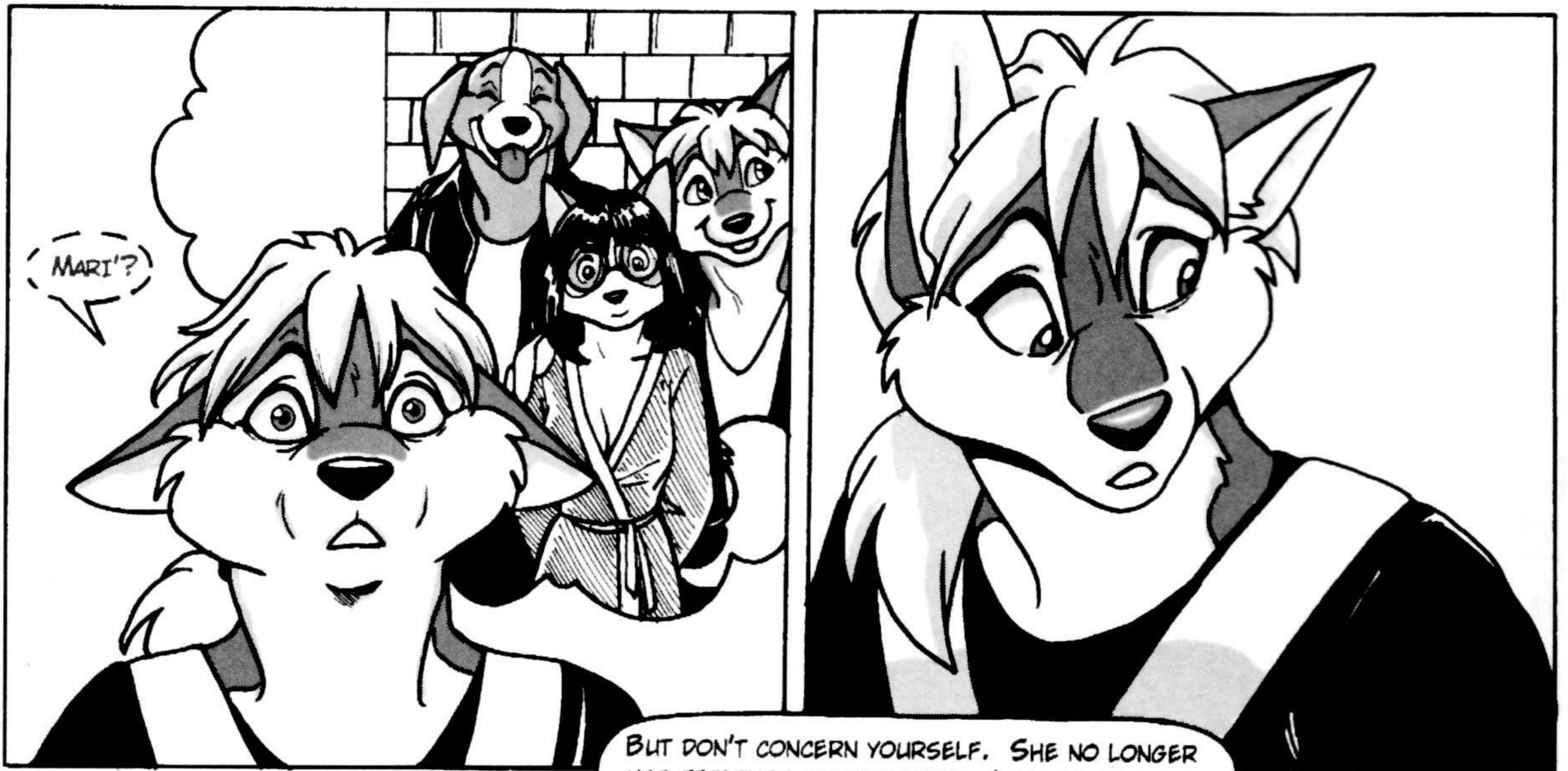
AND DON'T THINK I'VE FORGOTTEN ABOUT YOUR PARTNER. MY MEN ARE SEARCHING FOR HIM NOW!



KNIFE! SOMEONE TRIED TO ACCESS THE COMPUTER, BUT HE'S GONE.







BUT DON'T CONCERN YOURSELF. SHE NO LONGER HAS FEELINGS OR EMOTIONS. LIFE IS SO MUCH BETTER AS A MACHINE. I KNOW.



CHELL? HAVE YOU FOUND ANYTHING?



I DON'T THINK I CAN AFFORD TO KEEP YOU ALIVE, WITH YOUR PARTNER LOOSE. I DON'T CARE FOR THE ODDS.

WE'VE CHECKED THE COMPARTMENTS BETWEEN THE BRIDGE AND THE HOLD. NOTHING YET. SHOULD WE SEARCH THEIR SAUCER?

IDIOTS! THAT'S THE FIRST PLACE YOU SHOULD HAVE LOOKED!

CAN'T HAVE THEM CHECK THE SAUCER. THEY'LL SPOT THE TIMER!



TROUBLE IN PARADISE? THAT'S WHY I LEFT YOU. YOU'RE A LOSER, KNIFE.

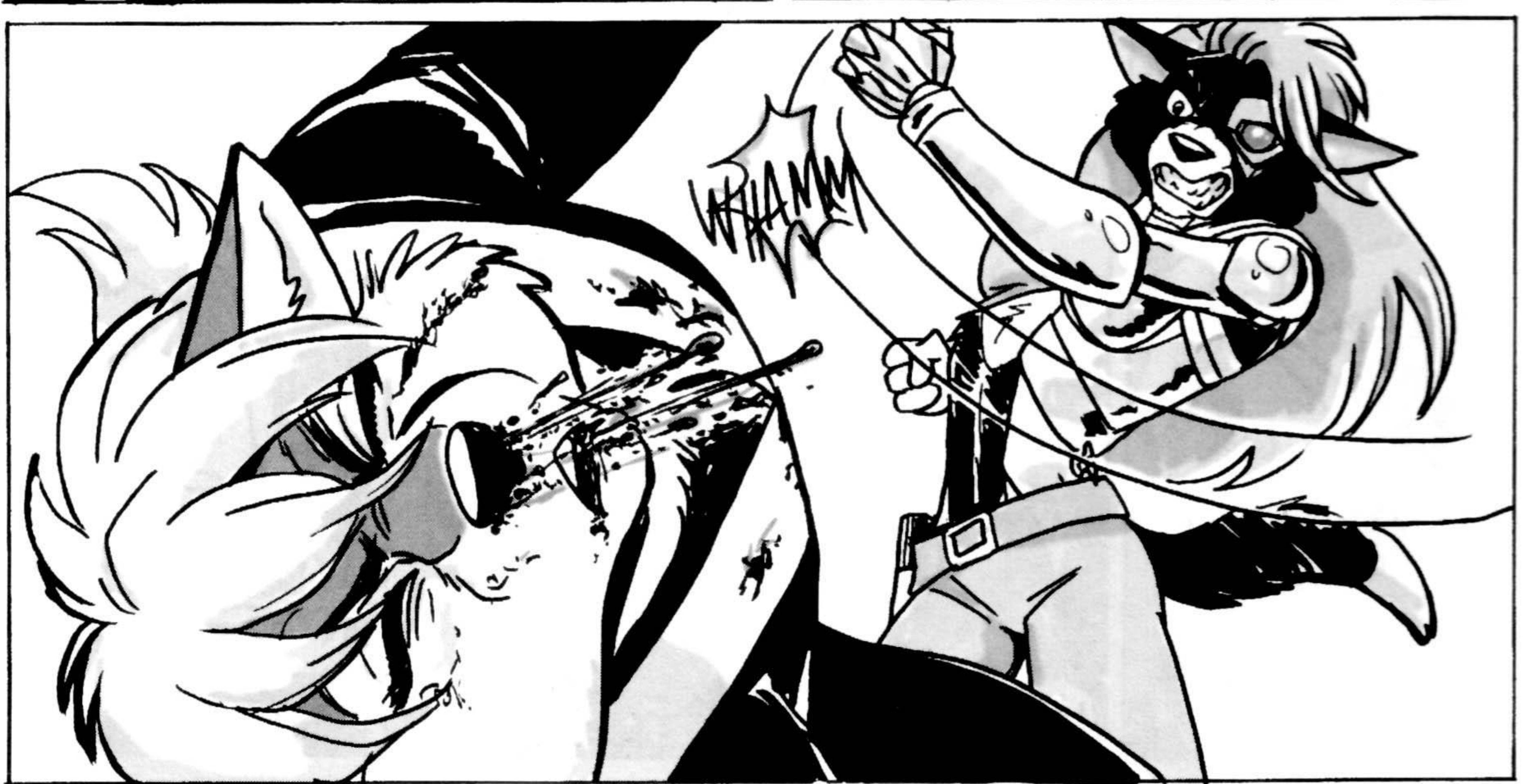


BUT THEN, WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT FROM A PSYCHO?



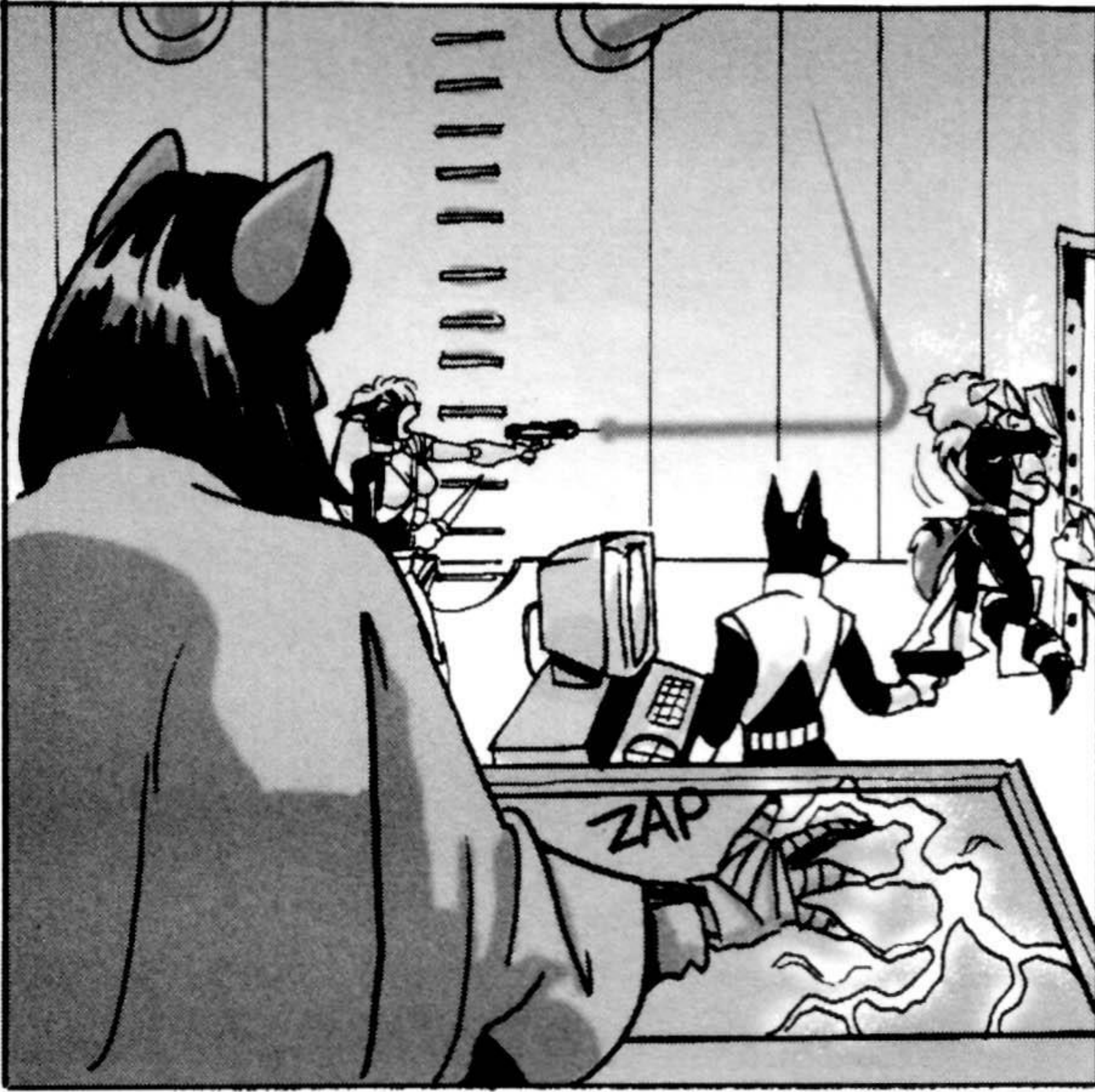
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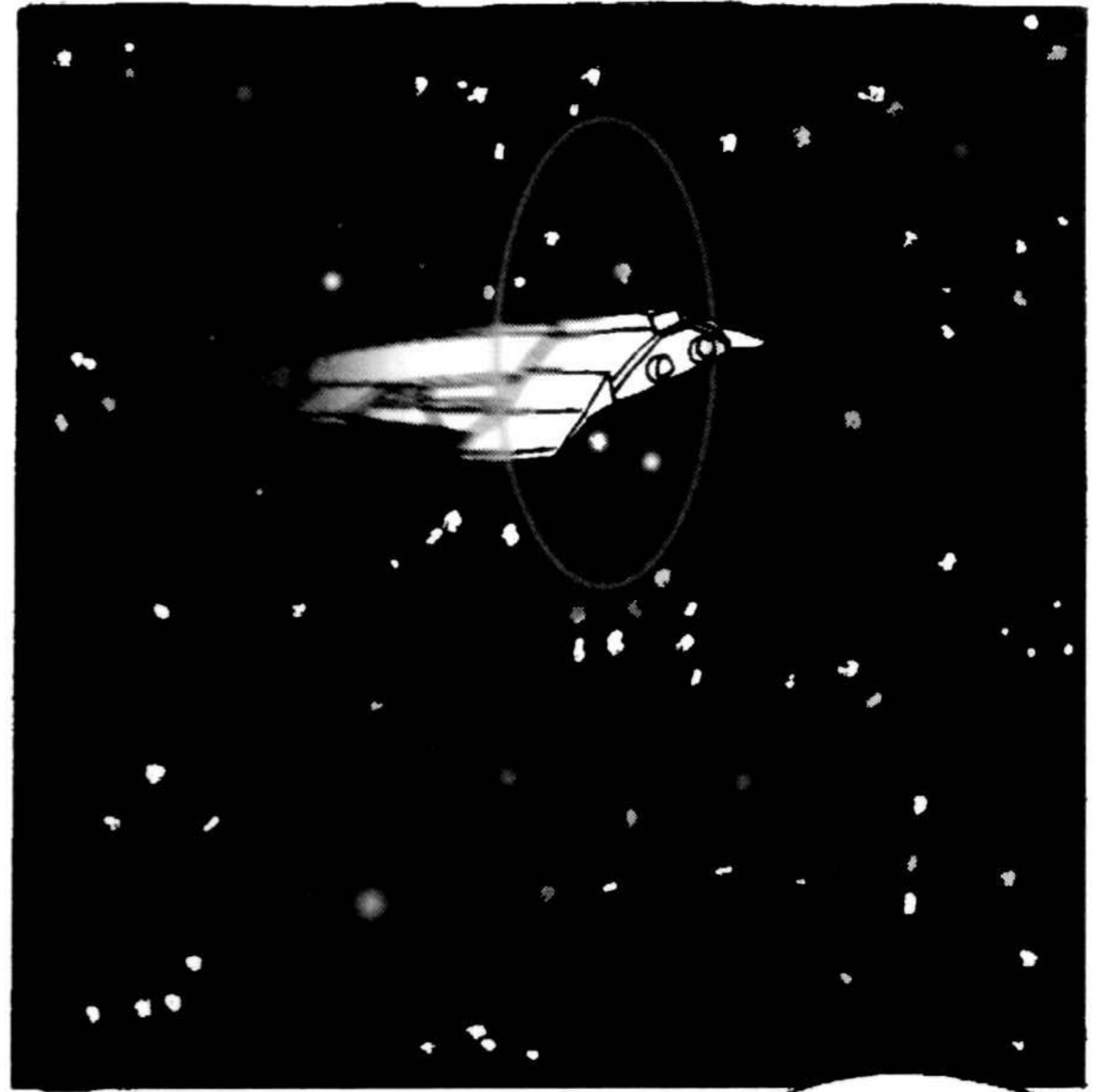
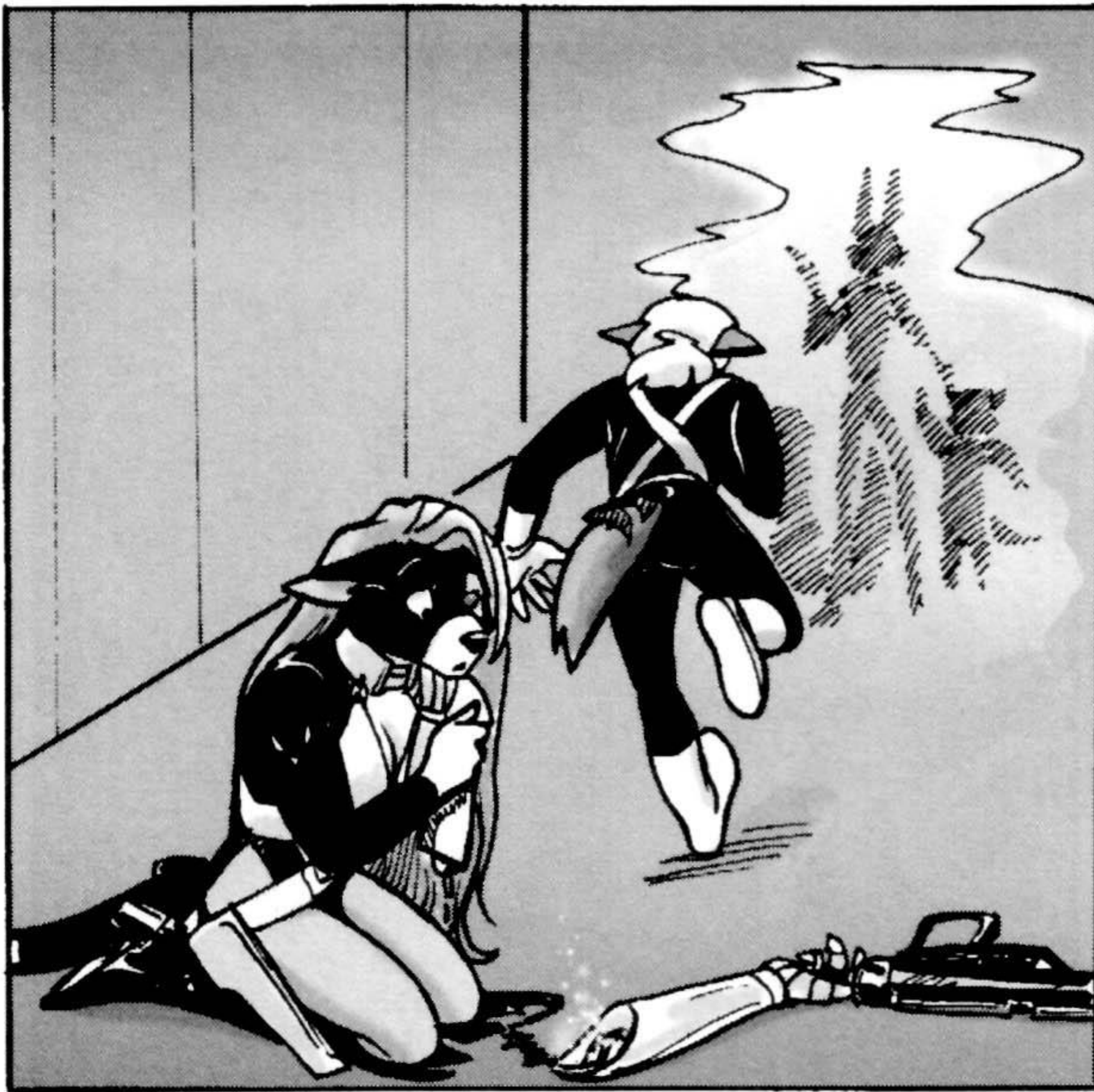






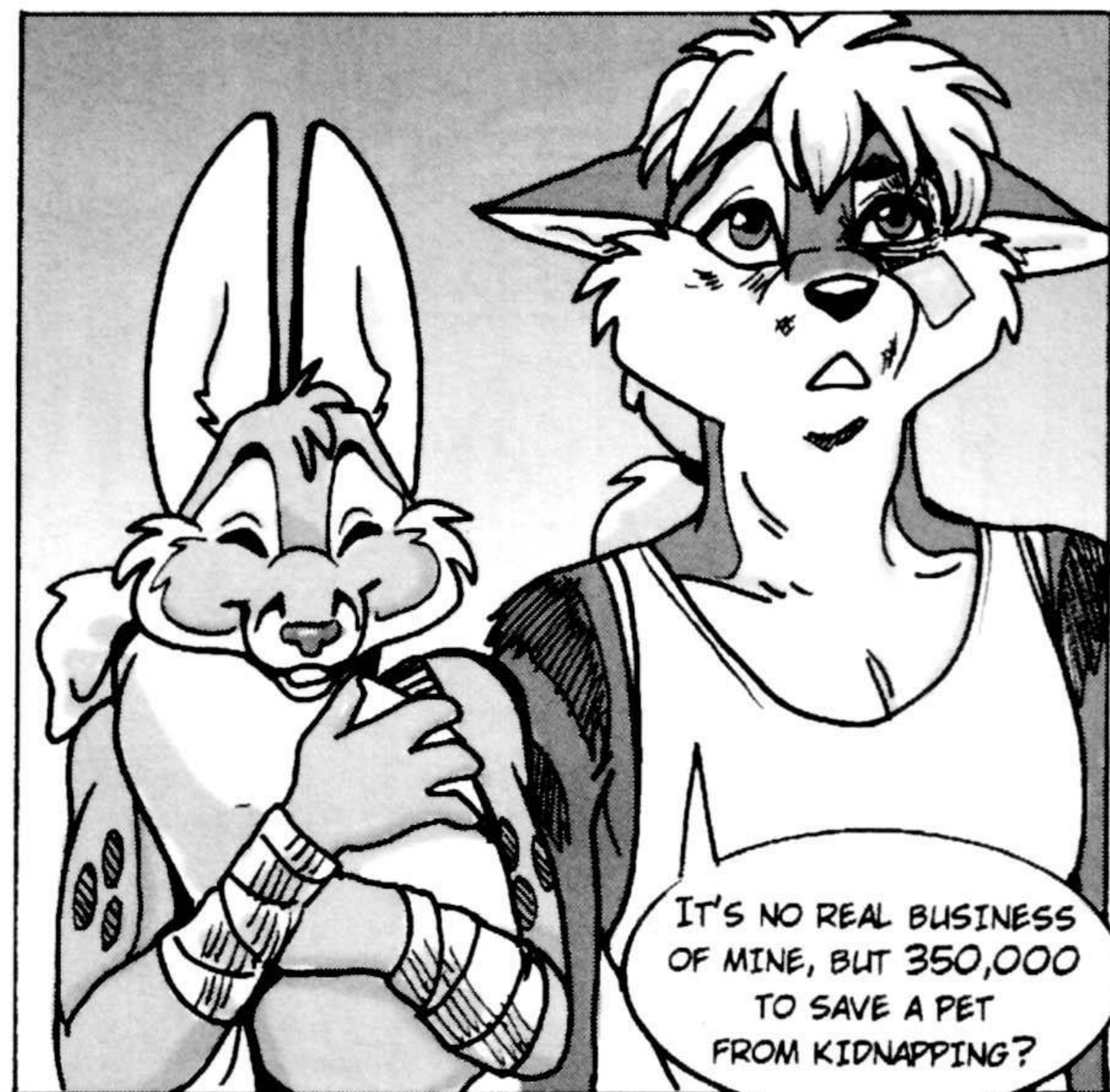
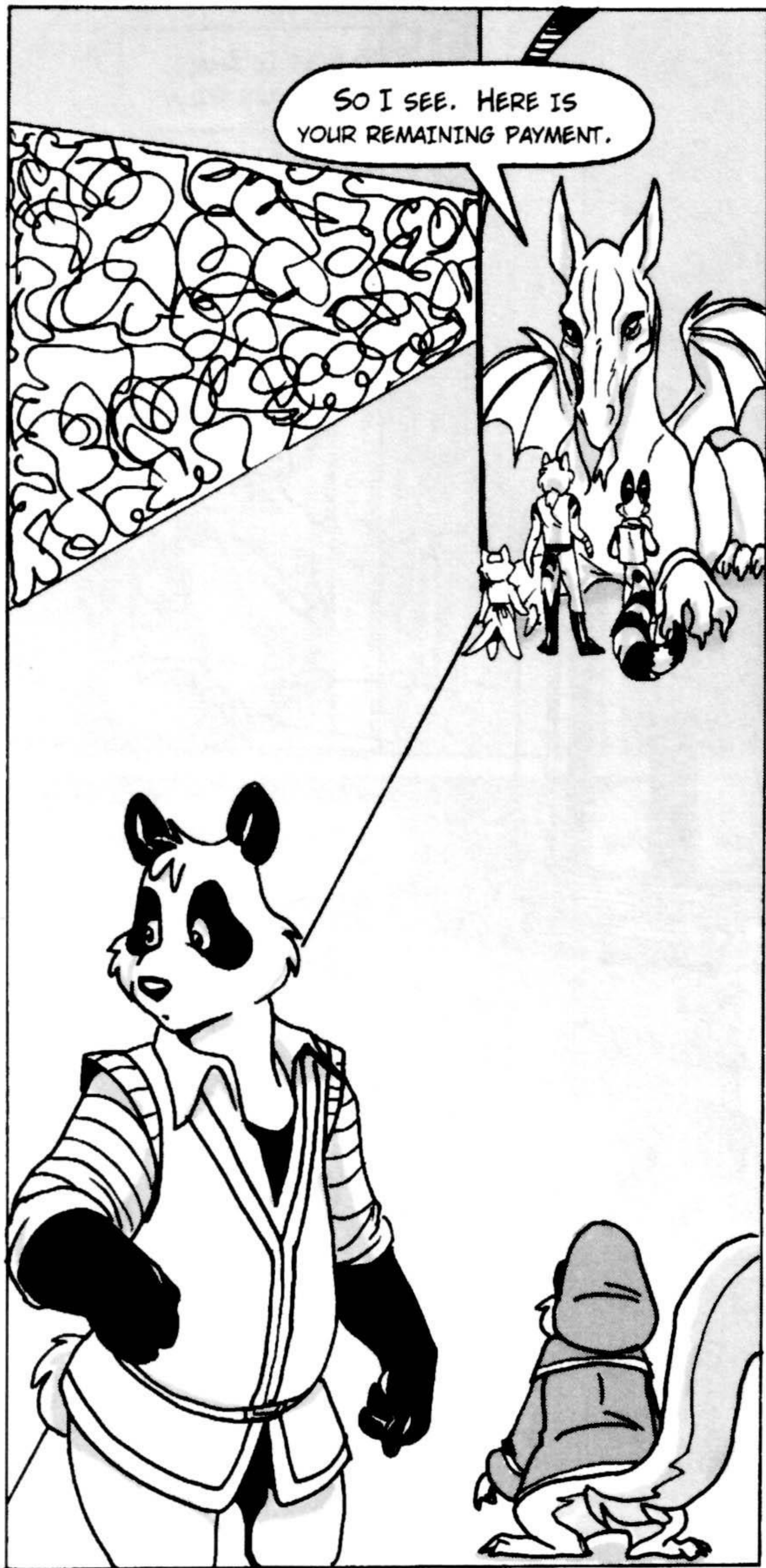


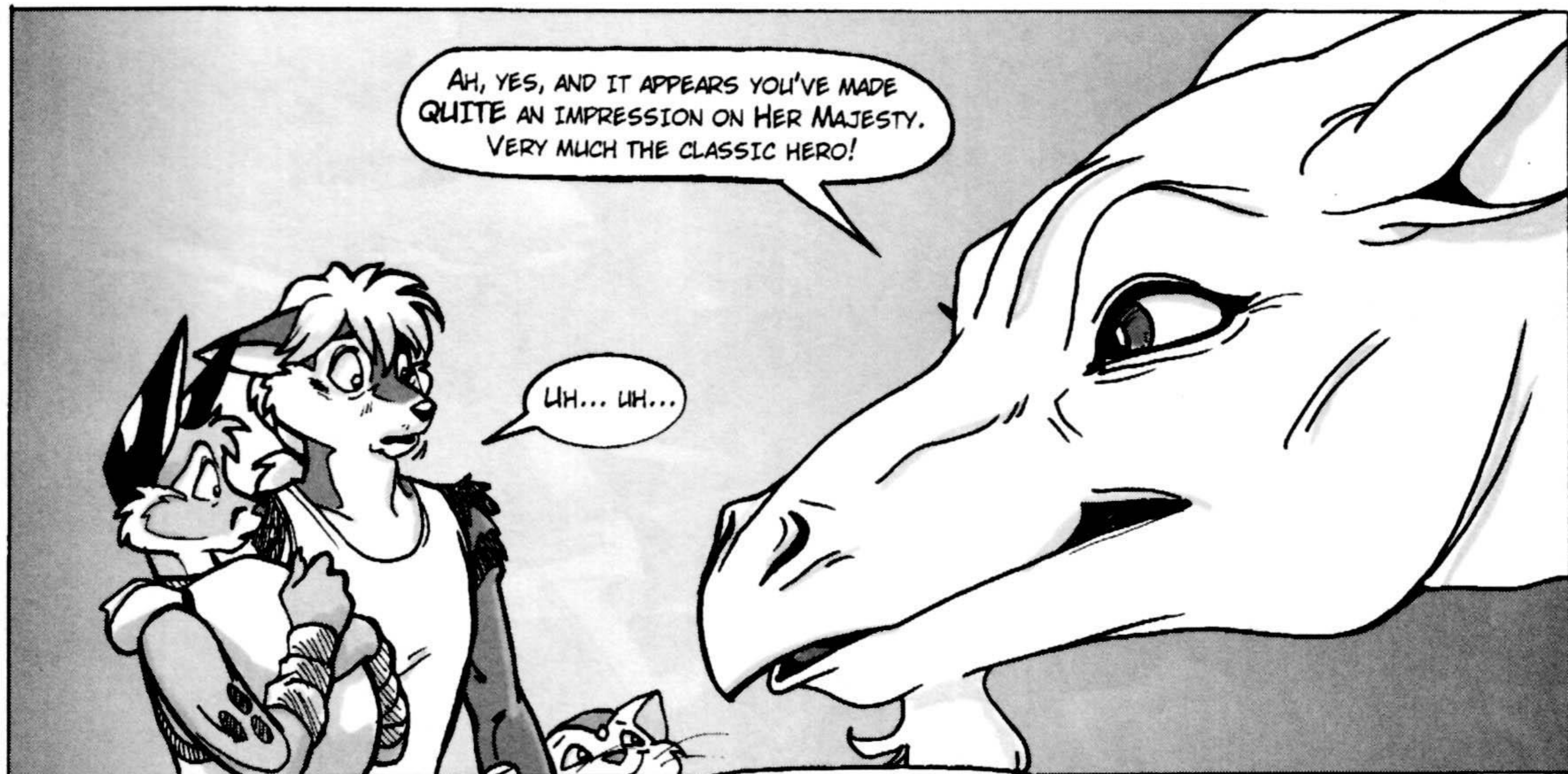




PLANET IC'ZHAEL.
THE SUMMER PALACE

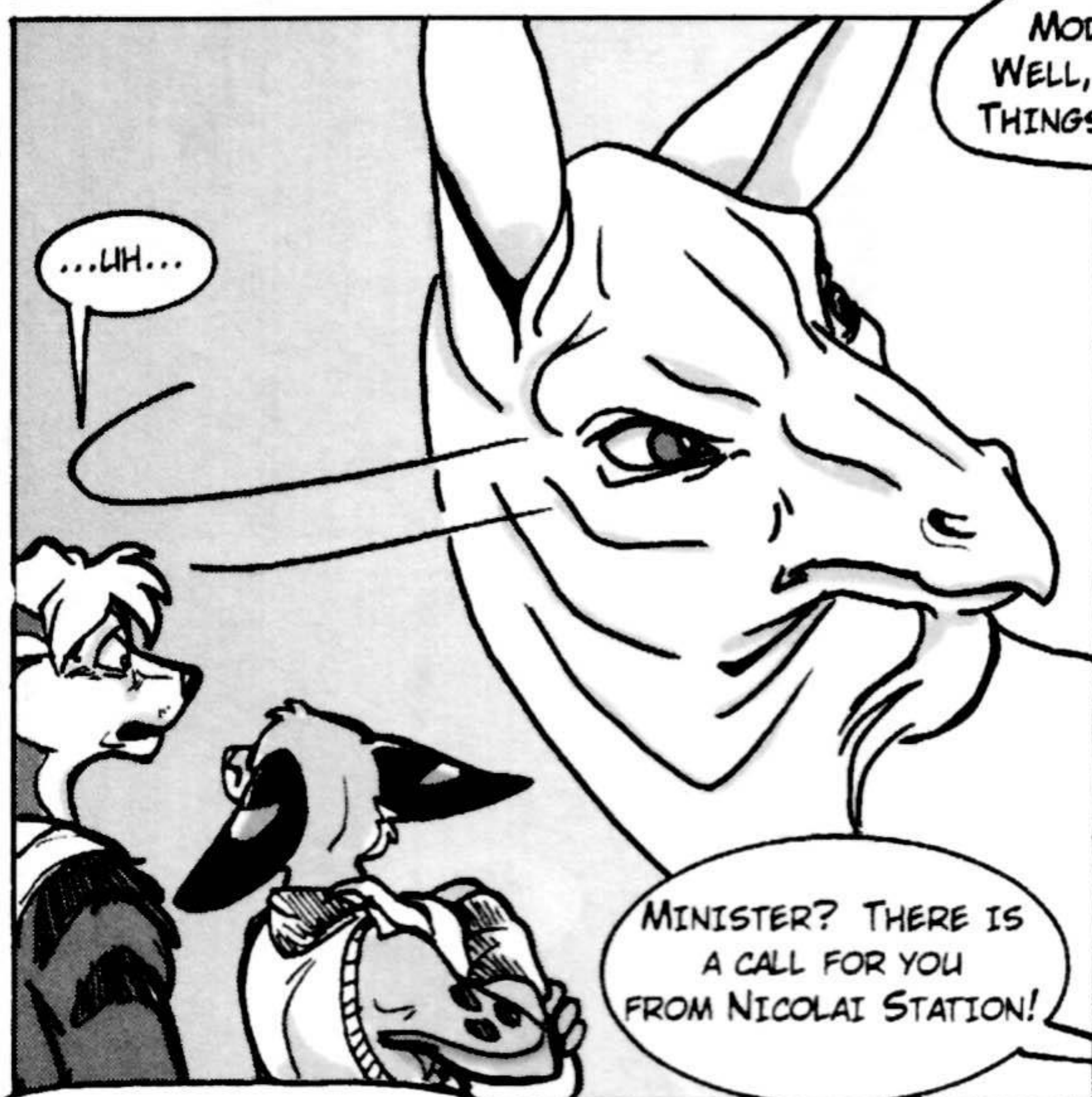
HERE WE ARE,
AS PROMISED.





AH, YES, AND IT APPEARS YOU'VE MADE QUITE AN IMPRESSION ON HER MAJESTY. VERY MUCH THE CLASSIC HERO!

UH... UH...



...UH...

MINISTER? THERE IS A CALL FOR YOU FROM NICOLAI STATION!

NOT TO WORRY! YOU CAN DEAL WITH MR. WILSON AND CAPT. REGULO. THEY'RE OUR OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVES ON IC'ZHAEL!



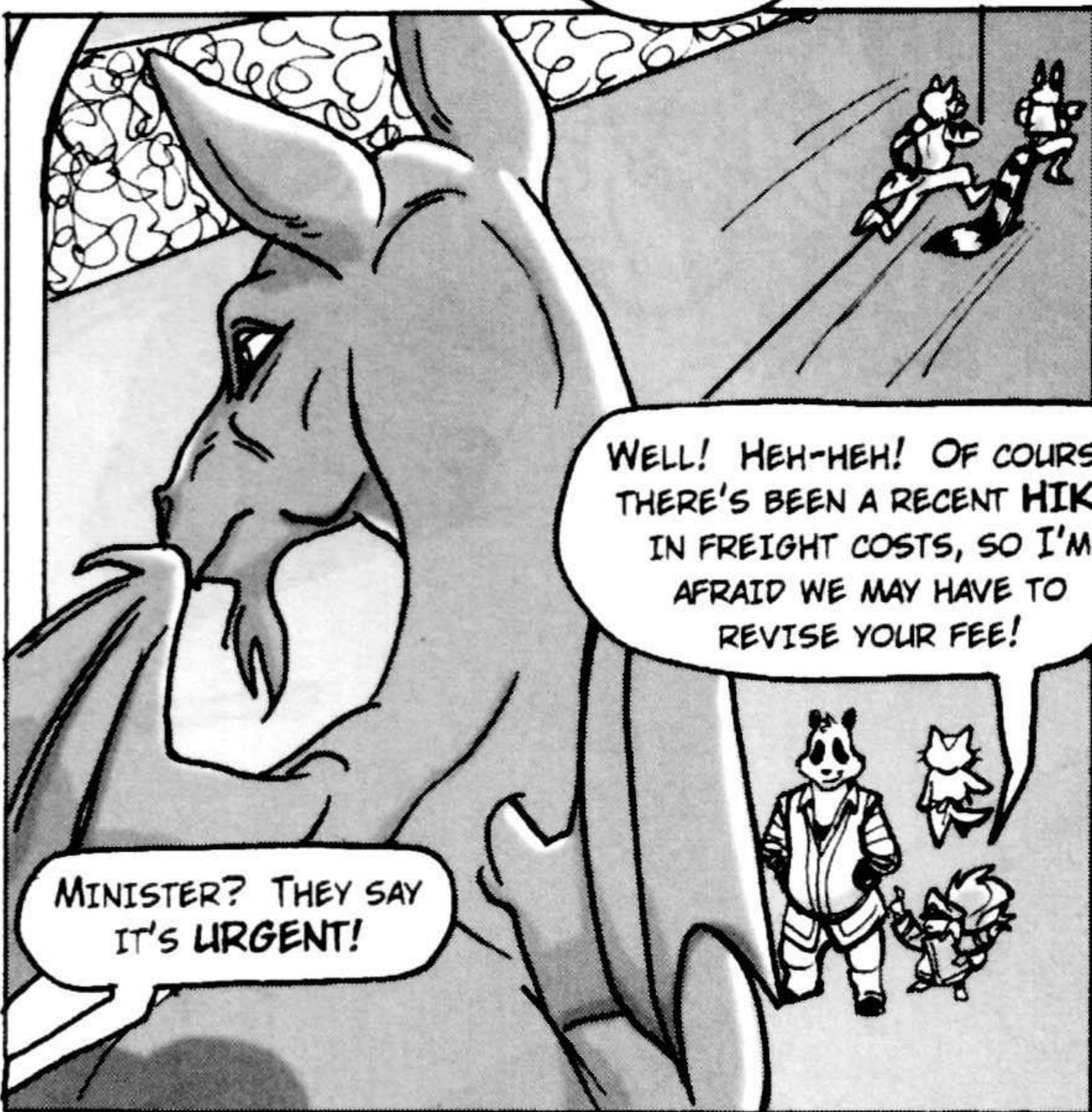
COME ON, CHRIS!

MODEST TO A FAULT, TOO! WELL, WE'VE GOT TO GO NOW! THINGS TO DO, PEOPLE TO SEE!



BUT WE HAVE YET TO FINALIZE THE PAPERWORK. AND THERE'S THE MATTER OF THE NUPTIALS...

N-NUPTIALS?



WELL! HEH-HEH! OF COURSE, THERE'S BEEN A RECENT HIKE IN FREIGHT COSTS, SO I'M AFRAID WE MAY HAVE TO REVISE YOUR FEE!

MINISTER? THEY SAY IT'S URGENT!





